THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The recently launched National Rural Health Mission aims at strengthening Primary Health Centres for quality preventive, promotive, curative, supervisory and outreach services, through:

* Adequate and regular supply of essential quality drugs and equipments (including Supply of Auto Disabled Syringes for immunization) to PHCs

* Provision of 24 hour service in at least 50% PHCs by addressing shortage of doctors, especially in high focus States, through mainstreaming AYUSH manpower.

* Observance of Standard treatment guidelines & protocols.

* In case of additional Outlays, intensification of ongoing communicable diseases control programmes, new programmes for control of non-communicable diseases, upgradation of 100% PHCs for 24 hours referral services, and provision of 2nd doctor at PHC level (1 male, 1 female) would be undertaken on the basis of felt need.

(c) Health is primarily a State subject and Primary Health Centres are established and maintained by respective State Governments out of the State sector health outlay. The allocation of funds under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for 2005-06 is Rs. 6731.16 crores.

New OPD Block in Safdarjung Hospital

4742. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two new wings of the new OPD Block have been constructed in Safdarjung Hospital but the same have not yet been put to use defeating the very purpose of bringing the OPDs at one place;

(b) if so, the reasons for not yet shifting all the OPDs to the new block; and

(c) the steps taken to shift OPDs in the new block and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The construction of the right and left wings of the OPD Phase-Ill is completed. However, the CPWD has not yet handed over the building for want of clearances for occupation from the statutory Departments.

Deficient Staff in SJ Hospital

4744. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: SHRI
SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Safdarjung Hospital (SJH), Delhi is deficient of doctors and its Neurosurgery Department has only one consultant;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to fill up the vacant posts of doctors; and

(c) the number of patients died/suffered for want of doctors during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Due to the instructions of the Government, the Department of Personnel and Training *vide* their O.M. No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16.05.2001, prescribing a limit that the Direct Recruitment can be resorted only against 1/3rd of the vacancies arising in a year subject to a further ceiling of 1% of the total sanctioned strength, this Department was not in a position to fill up all the posts of doctors in various Government hospitals including the posts in Safdarjung